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FOR THE SELECTIVE OXIDATION OF HYDROCARBONS

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PRIORITY REQUEST

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed along with the filing of a non-provisional patent application transmittal form. This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of prior filed co-pending provisional application serial number 60/415,288 filed on October 1, 2002 under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4).

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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